GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MGNREGS – AP - Implementation of Plantation Programme 2020-21- Plantation of Road side Avenues & Common vacant lands in Villages – Maintenance Responsibility to Gram Panchayats – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 417 Dated: 20-07-2020.

Read:

From the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P., Hyderabad, Note No.956/Horti/ 2020. Dt. .06.2020.

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ORDER:

The State Government envisages to increase the Green cover of the State to 33% of the total geographical area and to achieve this above objective, Plantation activity is planned on a large scale in the villages under MGNREGS in convergence with Forest department.

2. In the reference read above, the Commissioner, PR & RD has submitted a proposal to entrust the responsibility of maintenance of different plantations to the Gram Panchayats to ensure the survival of plants.

3. Accordingly, the Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby issue the following guidelines to all the Gram Panchayats in the State for effective monitoring of the plantation activities at Gram Panchayat Level:-

1. The Gram Panchayat shall primarily be made responsible for maintenance of different plantations in the common lands of the village.
2. The Panchayat Secretary shall take necessary measures for identification of suitable sites for avenue plantation along all internal roads, approach roads and block plantation in vacant Government and institutional lands.
3. The Panchayat Secretary shall take responsibility for plantation in the identified roads/lands with the active coordination of NREGP staff.
4. The Panchayat Secretary, shall ensure survival of at least eighty five percent (85%) of planted saplings in the village by making arrangements for regular watering and maintenance as per the procedures laid down under MGNREGS.
5. The Gram Panchayat should engage a suitable person as “Plant watcher” for protection of saplings planted. The Plant watcher shall possess a job card & should preferably be selected from poor, vulnerable & marginal sections of the community through a GP resolution to take care of plantations on Roadside Avenues & community lands.
6. The Panchayat Secretary shall supervise the work done by Plant Watcher on regular basis.
7. The Gram Panchayat can take up watering either manually or through water tanker. The expenditure towards watering will be incurred from material component of the MGNREGS and will be credited to Gram Panchayat MGNREGS material payment Account as per the procedure laid out under MGNREGS.

8. In order to ensure survival of the plants, the Gram Panchayat should make payments from available funds with Gram Panchayat in case of delay in release of MGNREGS payments, and can reimburse to the GP account after receipt from MGNREGS.
9. The Panchayat Secretary should maintain proper records and registers on the plantations taken up and their survival.
10. The progress of Plantation activities, maintenance of trees and survival status shall be placed before Gram Sabha for maintaining transparency and accountability. The Gram Panchayat shall also review the progress in its general body meetings.
11. The monitoring of the Plantation activities should be done periodically by the MPDO at Mandal level and by CEO ZP &DPO at district level.

4. The Commissioner, PR&RD shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, AP, Tadepalli, Guntur with a request to communicate to all the concerned in the State.
All the District Collectors and District Programme Coordinators in the State.
All the Project Directors, DWMA & Addl. District Programme Coordinators, MGNREGS.
All the Project Directors, DRDAs and Additional District Programme Coordinators, NREGS.
All the Chief Executive Officers, ZPs and Additional District Programme Coordinators, MGNREGS.
The Project Officer, ITDA and Additional District Programme Coordinators Parvathipuram (Vizianagarm), Srisailam (Kurnool), Paderu (Visakhaptnam), Seethampeta (Srikakulam), Rampachodavaram (East Godavari) & KR Puram (West Godavari)

Copy to:
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